

## 2nd Annual Dream Catcher celebration in Wisconsin Rapids

(L-R) Ho-Chunk Nation Area III Legislature Hope Smith, Lisa Harrison, and Nettie Kingsley enjoy some hot frybread.

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# Under one roof

## Department of Social Services gets a new home



John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

On July 9, representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation finalized the Nation's purchase of the Western Technical College (WTC) Building in Black River Falls. Sold because WTC needed more space to expand its programs, the site will become the headquarters for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services, whose approximately 40 member Black River Falls staff is currently working in two locations.

Social Services anticipates moving into the building next January, following the end of the first semester at WTC and Department of Social Services Executive Director Elizabeth Haller is already looking forward to the move. With small offices currently in the old health clinic next to the Executive Building and the old credit union near White-tail Crossing, Haller said that sometimes meeting with clients has been difficult. "It just doesn't provide a good environment for our clients. We are so happy to know that we finally have a place just for us," she said. She added that while at one time the Nation had considered

building a site for Social Services the new building "fits our needs like a glove."

The Nation's purchase of the 8,500 square foot building, located at 808 Red Iron Road, was the result of a collaborative effort between the Nation, WTC and the City of Black River Falls that began last year. Located in the city's industrial park, the purchase required the City Council approving a zoning ordinance that allowed for a use of office space in the industrial park. Without the change, approved by the City Council on June 16, the Nation could not use the facility for what they needed. Attorney Michelle Greendeer noted the purchase was rare in that the Nation was buying state owned property. "There were a lot of hurdles to clear," she said.

Grateful that all the parties got together, Haller believes the purchase is "a win-win" for the City of Black River Falls and the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Early next year, the current WTC Building will be the home of the Department of Social Services.

# Mitchell Redcloud Traditional Pow-Wow

Submitted by  
Waverly Bird  
Youth Worker

On July 4, 2010 the Ho-Chunk Nation and Wineshiek families sponsored the 4th of July Traditional Pow-Wow held in Black River Falls, also known as

Mitchell Redcloud Day to honor Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr. a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient.

Flag raising began at 10:30 a.m. and all five service songs were sung for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.



(L-R) Marcus WhiteEagle w/eagle staff, Ralph Snake w/eagle staff, Tom Teeple w/US Flag, Fred Kingswan w/POW-MIA flag, Margaret Garvin w/Navy flag, Dave King w/Army flag, Karen Green w/Air Force flag, Ken Schoolcraft w/WI flag, Robert Roberts w/Marine Corps flag, Jeff Harrison w/HCN flag, President Wilfrid Cleveland w/US Coast Guard flag.



Afternoon Grand Entry with Head Dancers, Robert Mann and Priscilla Cleveland, bringing in the dancers.

The Andrew Blackhawk booth had been open to all dancers and singers and there were approximately 91 dancers and eight drums including the host drum, Iron Mound.

Grand Entry started at 1pm sharp and Ralph Snake had the honor of bringing in one of the eagle staffs. Head dancers were Robert Mann and Priscilla Cleveland.

Even though it had been raining the dancers had been round-dancing all

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**HO-CHUNK NATION  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNCIL**

June 22, 2010

Re: General Council Agency Memorandum of Understanding

Vice President Dan Brown:

As agreed per our meeting the General Council Agency (GCA) drafted a Memorandum of Understanding on March 11, 2010, and submitted it to you for review. To date we've not received a response back from the legislature regarding the Memorandum of Agreement. If we do not receive a response by July 9, 2010 at 4:30 pm, then we will pursue the matter at General Council.

To reiterate the lack of cooperation, the GCA advocates have unable to even get the matter on the legislative agenda. We have had follow up meetings with Vice President Dan Brown and the BIA. But have as of yet received any response from the Legislature.

The GCA will proceed to draft a resolution putting this matter on the General Council Agenda noting your lack of cooperation. We regret that we've been unable to negotiate the MOU but given the untimely response feel that we have no other option but to pursue this course of action.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Marvin Decorah.

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/S/ Marvin Decorah Sr.  
Marvin Decorah, Sr.  
General Council Agency Chair

cc: General Council Advocates  
Hocak Worak

**FOOTNOTE FROM GCA: THIS LETTER IS DIRECTED TO DAN BROWN REGARDING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING SECRETARIAL ELECTIONS.**

**THE LETTER INFORMED VICE PRESIDENT BROWN THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SUBMITTED ON MARCH 11TH, 2010. THIS LETTER HAS UNDER GONE LEGAL REVIEW.**



**General Council Agency Office**

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Black River Falls, WI 54615

April 16, 2010

Dear Judy Whitehorse-Hilmer, Election Board Chair:

*The General Council Agency is in receipt of a letter dated November 19, 2009, from the BIA that Election Board requested a Secretarial Election on four General Council Resolutions. We respectfully request that the Election Board cease and desist from taking any further action regarding this request and from taking any further action regarding General Council Resolutions unless specifically requested by the General Council Agency.*

*General Council has the authority to request Secretarial Elections and intends to do so from now on. Please forward any correspondence or information regarding Secretarial Elections to Marvin Decorah, Sr. Chairman of the General Council Agency at the address listed above.*

*Thanks you in advance for your help with this matter. If you have any questions please call me or the General Council Advocates at 800-294-9343 ext. 1070 or 1075.*

Respectfully requested,

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/S/ Marvin Decorah Sr.  
Marvin Decorah, Sr.  
Chairman of General Council Agency

cc: President Wilfrid Cleveland, Vice-President Dan Brown, and GCA Attorney John Swimmer.

**FOOTNOTE FROM GCA:**

This letter was addressed to Judy Whitehorse from a March 19, 2010 General Council Agency meeting. This letter has undergone legal review and was drafted by me, GCA Attorney, for Marvin Decorah Sr. signature. This letter was approved at the General Council Agency Meeting as follows:

From March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2010, GCA Regular meeting  
MOTION by Roberta, John draft a cease and desist letter to  
Judy Whitehorse Chair of the Election Board. Second by  
Muriel. 8-0-0 Motion Carried at 8:59 PM.

## Letter to the Editor Dear Tribal Members,

I am writing this letter as a means of getting our communities more proactive with the game of baseball, a game that goes back in time. Several Ho-Chunk families can look back to their forefathers and find baseball in their bloodline. I used to look at old pictures of my choka and the rest of his brothers as grown men in baseball uniforms. That gave me pride and showed me the game was loved by our own people as much as the rest of America and the world for that matter. In today's society, the sport has been lost but a handful of us parents in the Black River Falls community are trying to bring it back.

We've come to the conclusion that baseball is a way to bring our kids together, to learn to be a team, to build community involvement, and a chance to give our kids an opportunity to play the game with the fairest of chances to grow and learn the game. Too often our kids are pushed aside, to accommodate the non native kids. We agreed the only way for our kids to learn what the game is all about and where they can go with it, is to coach them ourselves. So we went for it. Yes, it is a struggle to coach. Yes, it is frustrating. But there are just enough good things we see that keeps us coming back and saying, "We can do more."

Growing up in different eras is a struggle within to coach. I personally struggle with it because when I was a youth, I expected alot out of myself and was expected alot out of, by others. For that I apologize if anyone takes offense to my coaching philosophies. It's hard to get one result because each kid is their own individual and everyone responds to different types of coaching. Most of my time is spent understanding each kid, which is rewarding when I see their eyes light up and see how they talk to me in a way that I know I am getting to them the right way.

**WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. HELP US HELP OUR KIDS. WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE.**

Looking at who shows up regularly, we are not supporting our kids enough. It might be just a game to most, but it leads to so much more. At one time, fifteen kids were on the roster, but when it's game time no one shows. For example, we have played games with only six kids.

I know it's summer time and there are alot of things to do. But COMMITMENT to a team means SACRIFICE sometimes to be a part of a TEAM. When someone doesn't make it for practice or to a game, it's hard to figure out where everyone should play and who plays what position best.

Our kids shouldn't be dictating what they want and don't

want to do at a young age. If we ask our kids to do work around the house, should we be told that they don't feel like it? No. We didn't have that luxury growing up. Most of us were spanked. (I am not saying spank your kids either.) Why should they be allowed to quit, when they are being asked to play a game? Quitters never win. We can all remember being a part of something we didn't feel like doing. But we look back and say those things helped build character, because we made it through something we found difficult. It's not about winning and losing. It's about being involved with our kids, and having our kids finish what they started.

We have taken positive strides in this community; we are in our infancy yet. We now have minor league, major league, and pony league teams. The girls have a softball team. It is awesome to see the growth and desire to get our kids out and playing a game. I can't say how much that gives me hope for our kids. I hope the other communities are taking the same steps. I'm not aware and can only hope that this is where they are with baseball too.

We have needs to give our kids equal ground to stand on. I commend Neil Whitegull and Roy Littlegeorge for working hard to provide fields for us.

We need at least one field scaled to size correctly and lights to be on equal terms with town. Thank you to the community for not vandalizing the fields, too often we get things from the Nation and it goes to waste. It shows our community cares, and we can build on it. Can the legislature appropriate funds for the community to meet the needs for our kids? Where can we go with baseball? I don't know, but I'm dying to find out. It wasn't my wish to coach, I was giving a ride to a friend so he could coach. Five years later, I'm passionate about something that wasn't even thought of before that day. I guess if I have a dream, it would be to drive into the village and see our kids playing baseball on their own, because they want to. Twenty years ago, we would get together almost daily, knocking on doors to get a crew together to play baseball. We didn't have fields, we made our own up, we didn't have nice equipment, we scrounged for one bat and a ball. Now there are fields, and equipment and no one is playing. That needs to change.

This letter is an attempt to put baseball back on the map in our communities, for our kids, and for their futures. Baseball, it's more than just a game.

Written with positive hopes.

**Lance Blackdeer,**  
Ho-Chunk Eagles Minor league coach, 2007 to present.



# Using beans for simple, healthy, inexpensive meals

Submitted By  
Kathy Braaten, RD, CD, CDE -  
Community Health Nutritionist

Happy Summer! With the warm weather and busy schedules, who wants to spend time cooking, or heat up the kitchen? But, at the same time, many families are trying to eat healthier. Eating more vegetarian meals is not only a low-cost way to eat healthier, but it's better for the environment too. Beans make a great meat substitute as they are high in protein, iron, fiber, and other nutrients; but are naturally low in fat, salt and cholesterol. If you use canned beans for convenience, rinsing them well will remove 40% of the salt. And, if you're not ready to go completely meatless, you can make bean recipes with less meat... and that's great too! Here are a couple fast, easy, and healthy bean recipes that won't heat up your kitchen!

To cook those bags of dried beans, read the directions on the back of the bag. Or try using a crock-pot! Place a 1 pound (16-oz.) package of dried beans, rinsed and picked over, in the crockpot. Add 5 cups of very hot tap water and cover. Cook on LOW for 5-7 hours or on HIGH for 3-4 hours until they are



tender but not falling apart. Drain into colander and rinse with cold water. If you like, you can then freeze them in freezer bags in 2 cup amounts, which is about equal to 1 can of cooked beans.

## Diabetes BASICS Classes

Do you have diabetes and want to learn more about managing your blood sugars?

The Ho-Chunk Health Department will be starting a comprehensive diabetes program that you are encouraged to participate in. The program will involve six classes over the course of six months. Many important diabetes-related topics will be presented. We ask that you commit to all six classes.

The next session will begin in Black River Falls at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center on August 9th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jean Stacy at 715-284-9851, Ext. 5305; or toll-free at 1-888-685-4422, Ext. 5305. You will need to set up a short meeting with her before starting the classes.

You may be asked to have a physician check-up before the start of the program. Sorry, but we are only able to accommodate Native Americans in this program. Sessions will also be beginning in Tomah and Wittenberg later this year.

**ATTENTION:** The NEXT DEADLINE of the Hockak Worak will be July 23rd, which will be published on July 30th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

## BROWN RICE AND BEAN BURRITOS

2 Tablespoons salsa, thick and chunky  
1/3 cup water  
1 green pepper, finely diced (or substitute an onion)  
1 can (16 ounces) tomatoes, diced or cut up, not drained  
¼ cup Minute Brown Rice, uncooked  
¼ teaspoon dried thyme  
¼ teaspoon salt (optional)  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
1 can (15 oz.) black beans or kidney beans, drained and rinsed (or 2 cups cooked beans)  
8 whole wheat flour tortillas, about 8-inches in diameter  
Light sour cream (optional)  
Salsa, thick and chunky (optional)

Spray a large skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Add salsa, water, green bell pepper, tomatoes, rice, and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to LOW. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in beans. Continue to cook on LOW heat, covered, for 10 minutes or until most of the liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally.

Warm tortillas in a microwave, in a covered microwave-safe container, for 1 minute, rotating ¼ turn after 30 seconds. Serve ¼ cup of filling in each tortilla. Top with light sour cream and more salsa if desired, before folding. Makes 8 burritos; each burrito is 200 calories, 36 grams carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 3 g. fat.

## EASY BEAN QUESADILLAS

Per person:

2 corn tortillas or 2 small whole wheat tortillas  
Low-fat refried beans (such as commodity refried beans) or any kind without lard  
Shredded cheese, salsa, light sour cream, diced chile peppers, diced tomatoes, diced green onions – any or all as desired

Spray nonstick skillet or griddle with cooking spray (optional) and heat. Spread beans on one tortilla, top with tomatoes, onions, chiles, and/or cheese as desired. Place tortilla, bean-side-up, on skillet and top with second tortilla. Flip quesadilla when first side is browned, and brown the second side. Top with salsa and/or light sour cream as desired!

## A look back

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

What was in the news five, ten and 15 years ago.

**1995**

Mary Jo Brooks-Hunter becomes the first Chief Justice of the Ho-Chunk nation Supreme Court.

**2000**

Doors opened to the new Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center. Features include a 315-room hotel, two specialty restaurants, banquet and meeting rooms. Appearing at the open-

ing celebration ceremony, President Jacob LoneTree noted the facility is the fourth largest of its kind in the United States.

**2005**

Newly elected legislators Michael Goze, Greg Littlejohn and Douglas Greengrass along with incumbent Elliott Garvin take the Legislative Oath of Office at a formal ceremony held July 7 in the Executive Building. Also taking an Oath of Office was Dennis Funmaker, Sr., elected to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court.

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# Giving back to the community

Eliza Decorah  
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Ho-Chunk Nation has always been a huge advocate of giving back to the community, and for the past two years have been a sponsor for the La Crosse Fitness Festival. On June 30, La Crosse Park and Recreation's Director, Steve Carolyn and La Crosse Fitness Festival Event Director, Jay Odegaard presented checks to three different charity organizations.

The La Crosse Fitness Festival was held May 1-2 this year and promotes to the area's residents and visitors a way to be active and healthy in a wide range of ten activities which include: 5k walk or

run, full and half marathon, bike tour, cycling criterium and time trial, children's expo, corporate team challenge, and a fitness expo. The proceeds from the event are given to charity organizations such as the Youth Enrichment Association, La Crosse Special Olympics, and the St. Clare Health Mission.

Lenny Schlea a representative from the Youth Enrichment Association graciously accepted the \$12,000 check and was excited to put the donation to good use providing youth opportunities with positive risk-taking and practical experimental learning according to their mission statement.

Also accepting a check was

Bunny Mcgee, representative of the La Crosse Special Olympics, in the amount of \$18,000. The Special Olympics program helps provide year round sports training and athletic competition in Olympic type activities for individuals with cognitive disabilities.

Last but not least was Jonnie Heath who attended on behalf of the St. Clare Health Mission. The La Crosse Fitness Festival donated \$30,000 to the organization. St. Clare Health Mission helps provide health care to those who do not have medical insurance or do not have the money to pay for their medical care and needs.

Two other organizations that also benefited from the proceeds on a smaller scale were the La Crosse Police Department reserves program who received \$1,000 and Joe foundation received \$500.

Everyone was very appreciative for the donations to their organizations and look forward to the La Crosse Fitness Festival next year which will take place from April 29-May 1. Ho-Chunk Nation is a proud sponsor who donated \$15,000 to the 2010 event, whose proceeds were able to help in giving back to the community.



Event Director, Jay Odegaard, presents a check to Lenny Schlea from the Youth Enrichment Association.



Odegaard also presenting the check to Bunny McGehee from the La Crosse Special Olympics.



Jonnie Heath from the St. Clare Health Mission accepts a check from La Crosse Fitness Festival and La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department.

## Loving caretakers wanted Foster parents in demand

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Throughout the United States foster parents provide temporary shelter for children whose parents or legal guardians cannot care for them. Incarceration, safety concerns or the death of a parent are among the reasons why in Wisconsin an estimated 8,000 children (aged 0-18) live in 5,100 foster homes.

According to Nancy Gonderzik, Foster Care Resource Development Supervisor with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in Eau Claire, the demand for foster parents outweighs the supply and agencies across the country and is always looking for volunteers willing to help. She explained that foster parents are especially needed to care for larger sibling groups, teenagers and children with special needs. As a placement agency, LSS works with Native government agencies throughout Wisconsin, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, helping place children where it's best for the children, Gonderzik said. Jackie Moen-Kadlec, Placement Parent Coordinator with the Nation's Department of Social Services stated that while the Nation would like to place

Ho-Chunk children in a Ho-Chunk family home, that's not always possible, particularly when the child has behavioral or AODA issues and that the Nation sometimes does rely on LSS when placing a child.

Gonderzik continued that because the county agencies and the tribes are really the "ones in charge", LSS serves as a second layer in the placement process. Moen-Kadlec added that while the situation leading to a child's removal from the home can vary, guidelines have been established that prioritize where Social Services would have to place the child. She explained that when Ho-Chunk Child and Family Services remove a child, the child remains in the Nation's custody. When the county removes a Ho-Chunk child the child remains in the county's custody although the county is required to notify the Nation. Ideally, she said every child would then be placed with a Ho-Chunk family member. The next priority would be a Ho-Chunk home, then a Native home. Moen-Kadlec stressed that there is a need for Ho-Chunk placement homes. She noted that the shortage of Ho-Chunk placement parents, particularly in Jackson County, had led the

Nation to work with LSS.

Gonderzik believes that foster parents can have a positive impact on both the child's and their parent's lives. Along with providing the children a safe environment, she believes foster parents can serve as role models and examples to the parents who have lost their children. Because all children come with families, Gonderzik explained that foster parents do need to be involved with the foster child's family. "Often they can teach the parents," she said.

Gonderzik continued that as part of that process, foster children are allowed to have contact with their parents and guardians when placed in a foster home. "Contact with the parents is a critical component. We want to be the least disruptive as possible," she said.

Gonderzik believes that because in some cases the children needing foster care have often been exposed to trauma or violence, foster parents do need to be special people. "We need people willing to care for the child and act in the best interest of the child," she said. The challenge, she said, is to find people willing to provide guidance, discipline and understanding. "They need to provide more

than an empty bed," she stressed.

After determining the physical and mental needs of the child, Gonderzik and Moen-Kadlec explained both LSS and the Ho-Chunk Nation tries to keep the transition to a foster home as easy as possible for the children.

Using a holistic approach, Gonderzik explained, "we try to keep a sense of normalcy for the kids." The normalcy includes placing the children in homes that are close enough for the parents or guardians to visit and perhaps allows the children to attend the same school. Once placed, the child is visited at least twice a month by a LSS staff member who determines if the child is getting the help and support needed. Moen-Kadlec added that Ho-Chunk Social Services visits each foster placement home at least once a month.

Both LSS and the Ho-Chunk Nation recognize the shortage of foster homes and hope that by sharing their resources and working together, Ho-Chunk children will be placed in the best home available. Both women stressed that while there are foster homes available, there is a need for more.

Although foster parents can

come from any walk of life, be home owners or renters, working or retired, foster parents for LSS need to be at least 21-years-old and meet two of the following criteria:

- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Five years of experience parenting or working with children.
- Previous experience as a foster parent.
- Previous experience as a respite care provider to a foster family. Respite care provides typically provide relief to the foster parents one weekend a month.
- A substantial relationship with a specific child or teen to be placed in care.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Family Code also stipulates that persons convicted of two misdemeanors or a felony, are ineligible to provide foster placement care.

Lutheran Social Services and the Ho-Chunk Nation both provide training, 24-hour support and monetary compensation to foster parents.

Those interested in perhaps having the opportunity to change a child's life are invited to call LSS at 715-552-2439 or the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Child and Family Services at 715-284-9851.



# Celebrate Native American culture

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On June 26, the Dream Catcher Gallery located in Wisconsin Rapids, celebrated its 2nd Annual Native American dance exhibition and Native American community involvement in conjunction with the Annual Wood County Cranberry Festival. Although it was very hot and humid, everyone still had a good time.

Located in West Grand, Wisconsin Rapids, owned by Ken and Lenore Frost (Blackfoot), the gallery offers a variety of traditional Native American and Western Art. The gallery is home to many original pieces of art from vintage Ho-Chunk baskets, Chippewa and Hudson Bay blankets, handmade Lakota Sioux quilts, and a wide array of native made jewelry, paintings, and regalia.

Sonny Smart (Ojibwe), was asked to emcee the day's event and explained the difference between the different dance styles and regalia. At the end of the dance performances, the audience was able to join in and shake a leg which was sung and led by Keith Smith (Ojibwe), with help from Jeremy King (Oneida), Donovan Killspotted, and Allen Cloud (Ho-Chunk). Dancers were Jeff Harrison, Jasmyne Collins, Donovan Collins, Camryn Collins, Derris Killspotted, and Gracelyn Collins.

Ho-Chunk Tribal member, Nettie Kingsley was cooking up a storm and serving some fluffy hot frybread for the spectators to indulge. What is a powwow, or dance exhibit without frybread.



Donovan Collins and Derris Killspotted get ready to dance an intertribal with the audience.



Taking a moment to rehydrate and dance another exhibition song.

## 1st Annual Safari at the Kalahari

Submitted by  
Leland Fulwider, Director of First Nations Community Financial

On June 5th, 2010, First Nations Community Financial held the **First Annual Financial Safari at the**

**Kalahari** in Wisconsin Dells. This event was aimed towards Ho-Chunk youth, ages 12-19, who will or who have received the minor's trust fund. The event focused on topics involving financial management and was to act

as a "cram" session of financial knowledge.

Finance professionals from Merrill Lynch, Fifth Third Bank, Anderson Financial and Edward Jones presented on financial education. The topics they spoke about was the *Time Value of Money*, *What to look for when choosing a Financial Advisor*, *Risk vs. Return*, and answered questions about the Children's Trust Fund in general. Other topics included were what to look for when purchasing a car and the options you have when choosing different investment vehicles. (Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Money Market Accounts, etc.)

Overall about 40 youth participated in this event! Awards were given to the participants and all participants were given water park day passes. First Nations Community Financial plans on holding an event similar to this at least once per year.

Special thanks to Lott Smith for presenting, Child Family Services for their monetary donation, Fifth Third Bank for their monetary donation, Edward Jones for the monetary donation,



Ho-Chunk youth awarded a Wii game system for participating.



Financial professionals discuss topics on financial management to Ho-Chunk youth, ages 12-19 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.

Merganser Capital Management for their monetary donation and President "Willy" Cleveland for his opening address.

# Thanks for attending 1st annunal golf outing

Submitted by  
Lastrup/Estebo Family

We want to take a moment to thank everyone who came out on June 26th for the 1st Annual Joseph Estebo Memorial Golf Outing (part of the H.A.G.A. tour). We were very fortunate to enjoy a beautiful day with good weather.

We would also like to say THANK YOU to all those who participated in the fundraiser and those who made the event special (special thanks to Tracy Thundercloud, Marty & Penny Ybarra and all hole sponsors).

Congratulations to the 1st place team: Dee Dee Greendeer, Al Barton, Quentin Thundercloud and Roger Littlegeorge!

Again... thank you for helping us remember Joe and keeping his spirit alive. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



Quentin Thundercloud & Al Barton



Team Winneshiek, (L-R) Levi Winneshiek, Brett Blackdeer, Penny Ybarra, Kurt Greendeer.



Matt Estebo, Richard, Tina Topping, Andy Thundercloud.



Roger Littlegeorge, DeeDee Greendeer, Quentin Thundercloud & Al Barton



Carole Lastrup & Mya Estebo



Dave Abangan & Wade Blackdeer

## Modern technology offers a safety net for emergencies

### SOS Alert Telephone targets senior citizens living alone

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

More than 6.5 million people over 65 years old, including nearly five million women live alone. In many cases older people need to decide between safe, adequate housing and other necessities. Public housing units are in short supply and often fail to meet the minimum standards of health and safety.

For senior citizens living alone, safety is a special concern. Sometimes the consequences can be serious. Though it is debatable if seniors living alone are more susceptible to crime

than the general population, there is no doubt the fear of crime is a cause of anxiety. Additionally there is a fear of isolation among the elderly, particularly among women. The consequences of an accident or fall can be serious for older people. Those living alone need a safety net they can fall into when hurt or threatened.

Some counties, like Wake County in North Carolina, offer a Senior Well-Check Program. Seniors participating in the program are automatically checked on by phone 365 days a year. Many seniors depend on their chil-

dren or friends to monitor their well being. Though the caretakers mean well, they are likely not available 24/7 and may not be able to provide immediate help in an emergency.

Medical alert systems developed in the 1980's help elders and others living alone get help in an emergency, usually with the touch of a button. Stuart Taylor, Ho-Chunk Nation TAU Benefit Specialist, said that the Nation is currently providing such a service to tribal elders at a cost of \$30 a month.

At the recent Elders Picnic, Paul Klocko with ElderCom

offered an alternative. ElderCom specializes in providing individuals Wisconsin Telecommunication Equipment Purchase (TEPP) vouchers to obtain the equipment they need to improve telephone communications. In addition to providing phones with greater amplification, louder ring tones and tones, the company can also provide an Amplified SOS Alert Telephone, designed to help those needing immediate help get that help with the touch of a button.

Available for a one-time cost of \$100, the **Talker 500ER** features a large, easy

to read large keyboard, a volume controlled speaker phone and the ability to store up to 30 phone numbers, that with the touch of a button will be called in an emergency. With the touch of a button, the phone will dial the numbers in the order listed until someone answers.

Klocko explained that while the system was designed with senior citizens living alone in mind, anyone can apply for phone. For information on the **Talker 500ER** and any other specialized communications product, contact Klocko at (715)-241-6940.



# Shopping spree benefits local food pantries

John Kozlowsz  
Staff Writer

Three casino patrons and three area food pantries were the beneficiaries of the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa sponsored "Market Sweep" held June 29 at the Piggly Wiggly Supermarket in Nekoosa.

Selected at random, three casino patrons (the shoppers) were paired with representatives of three area food banks and given six minutes to fill as many shopping carts as possible. The shoppers got to keep all the items selected and the food pantry received a check matching the cost of the items. In addition, both the shopper and the food pantry received a \$ 500 bonus for finding all the items on a list given them and were rewarded for finding "bonus bucks" coupons placed throughout the store. Each shopper received three coolers, valued at \$164.58, to take home the groceries selected and the food pantry received that much additional money. Indirectly benefitting was

the locally owned grocery store where the spree was held. Owner George Kormtved explained that the nearly \$6,000 spent during the sweep far exceeds an average day's revenue. The money helps his employees and just as important keeps money in the local community, he said.

The lucky shoppers were Janet Jones-Nekoosa, Carol Oleson-Vesper and Ray Niehaus-Marshfield.

Jones was paired with John Steele who represented the South Wood County Emergency Pantry Shelf-SWEPS in Wisconsin Rapids.

Spokesperson Judy Steele said that SWEPS volunteers, working with an annual budget of \$48,000, responded to 1374 requests in 2009 and provided food to over 4,000 people in need.

Together, Jones and Steele gathered \$1,685.31 in food and merchandise. Jones received an additional \$850 in bonus money and SWEPS was presented a check for \$2,699.89.

Next to shop the aisles were



**Market Sweep winner Raymond Niehaus (left) of Marshfield with his team partner Linda Froehlich from Operation Bootstrap of Stevens Point select a bonus item worth \$200.00 cash during the Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Market Sweep. (Photo provided by courtesy of Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa)**



**Shopping Spree1: Participants in the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming-Nekoosa sponsored "Market Sweep" were from left to right: SWEPS volunteer John Steele, Janet Jones, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer Dennis Boucher, Carol Oleson, Ray Niehaus and Operation Bootstrap volunteer Linda Froehlich.**

Oleson, who participated in the event last year, and Dennis Bucher, representing St. Vincent de Paul in Marshfield. Spokesperson Deb Steltenpohl stated that St. Vincent's typically distributes food to about 600 families a month.

Oleson and Bucher filled their carts with \$2,041.22 worth of groceries and other supplies. Oleson received \$750 in bonuses and St. Vincent received a check for \$2,955.80.

The last team to shop was Niehaus and his partner, Linda Froehlich with Operation Bootstrap in Stevens

Point. Froehlich stated that her organization typically fills about 100 orders a week for people needing groceries.

Along with picking up \$2,238.46 worth of food and other supplies off the shelves, the team earned \$500 for finding every item on its list and additional \$350 in cash bonuses. Along with his groceries, Niehaus received a check for \$850. Operation Bootstrap was awarded \$3,253.04.

Along with members of the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa staff and Piggly Wiggly employees, helping out was DJ Ed Paulson of WYTE-106.5

FM who kept track of the time each team was on the shopping floor.

When the carts were put away, it was determined that the three shoppers won a total of \$8,908.73 in cash and merchandise. The three food pantries received cash totaling the same amount.

In conjunction with the event, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Nekoosa and the Piggly Wiggly hosted food drives at their locations. All items donated were divided among the three pantries.

## Ho-Chunk Gaming –Wisconsin earns top marks in reader's poll

Submitted by Missy Tracy, Public Relations Senior Manager - Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells continues to stand out as having the Best Selection of Slot Machines, Favorite Casino Hotel with the Most Comfortable Rooms and Best Hotel Amenities as well as ambience just to name a few of the ten 1st-place awards from the readers at *Midwest Gaming & Travel*, in the July issue, for Readers' Choice in Native American casinos in the state.

This past April readers were

surveyed on their "Favorite Choice" and "Best Of" based on their experiences at Native American casinos in the different states throughout the Midwest. All of the Wisconsin Dells location rankings for last year were achieved once again in addition to moving into 1st place in two additional areas. They were also selected as having the "Best Rewards/Player's Club" and "Best Casino Buffet".

Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wisconsin Dells location was also chosen as the 2nd favorite Native American casino overall for the state including fine

dining for their "Copper Oak Steakhouse & Lounge." In 24 different categories the Dells location ranked in the top three out of 28 categories that guests voted on, including second place for their bingo hall, live entertainment and concert venue.

"Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells considers receiving these awards a great compliment," Jones Funmaker, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells Executive Manager expressed. "We are honored as we do our best to provide our guests with exceptional service that support

our traditional value of hospitality. We strive to be a premier entertainment destination throughout the state by providing adults with the highest level of entertainment and fun."

Two of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin other facilities, located in Black River Falls and Nekoosa, were also among the top three favorites in several categories. Black River Falls received awards most notably for their congeniality and Nekoosa for their service for "Friendliest Dealers" at table games and for "Best Slot Attendants" at the

machines. The Ho-Chunk Nation's House of Wellness Center, located near the Dells casino, also received a 1st – place award for "Best Spa/Health Club".

"We are really pleased that our visitors recognize the measures we are taking in expanding upon our services," said Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells spokesperson Missy Tracy. "These praises tell us that we are delivering."

# General Council Agency submits resolutions for General Council 2010

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

To be held on September 18, 2010 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, General Council 2010 is expected to focus on issues relating to the Nation's hiring practices, the Nations' relationship with the State of Wisconsin, past decisions made by the voters that affect the Nation's Constitution and how General Council is organized and functions.

Located in the Executive Building, the Office of General Council has received four resolutions to be reviewed prior to being taken before the Nations' membership. A summary of each is below:

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Council hereby orders the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to enact a resolution amending the Employee Relations Act, cited at 6HCC5; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution must ratified within 60 days of the passage of this General Council resolution; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the resolution must include the provision that all applicants who qualify for any Ho-Chunk and/or Native American preference must be given an interview; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the policy of awarding points is changed to be cumulative to ensure that applicants are given credit for all preference points for which they are entitled and that applicants with families that are Tribal Members are given higher priority to be hired than applicants that do not have Tribal Member families to support; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that they are written in such a manner to ensure that applicants with larger families are awarded preference points for each dependent Tribal Member child; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these amendments also ensure that non-member parents and spouses of Tribal Members are given preference even if this means that a non-member is hired over a Tribal Member in situations where the non-member is providing support for a Tribal Member family; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that preference is not extended to non-native parents that do not actually reside on a full-time basis with the Tribal Member dependent children for whom they are claiming credit; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that they are written in such a manner to ensure that the penalties for non-compliance with this policy be severe enough to prevent them from being disregarded or circumvented.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Council hereby Orders the Ho-Chunk Nation to enter into negotiations with the State of Wisconsin as soon as allowable by the current Compact to add provisions within the Ho-Chunk Nation-State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact to provide tangible and substantial benefits to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Membership in consideration for these payments; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature must report, in the Ho-Chunk Tribal Newsletter, commonly known as the Hockak Worak, within 30-days of the passage of this resolution, the date upon which said ordered negotiations can begin; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tangible and substantial benefits to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Membership shall include at minimum provisions to allow for the exemption of its membership from the individual payment of and fees or taxes that imposed by the State of Wisconsin such but not limited to: income taxes, property taxes, driver's license fees, license plate fees, hunting and fishing licenses, all sales and use taxes; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the tangible and substantial benefits the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Membership shall be extended to ALL Tribal Members and shall not require the Tribal Member to reside on Tribal Trust Land; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these benefits shall be extended to members of the Ho-Chunk Tribal Member's family who are married to or are a dependent child of the Ho-Chunk Tribal Member and reside with the Ho-Chunk Tribal Member and are enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall be a provision in the Compact that will allow for the payment of any fees and taxes made to the State of Wisconsin or any of its municipalities or local governments by the Ho-Chunk Nation, an individual member of the Tribe, or a spouse or dependent child of a Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member to be deducted directly from any payments made to the State of Wisconsin by the Ho-Chunk Nation through the presentation of a receipt proving fees or taxes were paid; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the inclusion of these benefits in the Ho-Chunk Nation-State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact shall be conducted and concluded within 18 months of the start of negotiations; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is directed to authorize an increase in the payments being made to the State of Wisconsin only if these provisions cannot be attained through other negotiation methods.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION 3:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, to further debate, fairness,

informed decisions, and to better insure the dissemination of important information to Ho-Chunk General Council Members, resolutions will only be accepted through the Office of General Council under the following schedules and procedures. Office of the General Council shall mail submitted resolutions and comments to all Ho-Chunk General Council members. The Office of General Council may set the order of the agenda items through a mailed response form from General Council members.

## Annual Meeting

- Resolution Submission Deadline Cutoff-120 days before date of Annual meeting
- Office Mails Submitted Resolutions Booklet-105 days before date of Annual meeting
- Resolution Comment Submission Cutoff-45 days before date of Annual Meeting
- Office mails Submitted Comments Booklet-30 days before date of Annual meeting

Emergency resolutions shall only be removals, recalls or resolutions regarding actions occurring within 150 days before the Annual Meeting. Emergency resolutions can be added to the agenda from the floor.

- Special Meeting (if time permitting)
- Resolution Submission Deadline Cutoff-75 days from date of Special Meeting
- Office Mails Submitted Resolutions Booklet-60 days from date of Special Meeting
- Resolution Comment Submission Cutoff-35 days from date of Special meeting
- Office Mails Submitted Comment Booklet-20 days from date of Special Meeting

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the General Council humbly requests that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature consider these expenses when approving the General Budget; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the General Council humbly requests that the Ho-Chunk Legislature modify the General Council budget to reflect for the Resolution Booklet printing and mailing expenses required if a Special General Council is called; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the General Council humbly requests that the Ho-Chunk legislature modify the General Council 2010/2011 fiscal year budget with an increase of \$XXXXXX for the Resolution Booklet printing and mailing expenses required for the next Annual General Council in 2011; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that above requested actions for the Executive and Legislative branches of government shall take place within 90 days after this resolution is passed by General Council. Failure to take action within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Legislature shall enact the General Council Review Resolution requiring a mandatory review of all proposed legislation within 90 days of passage.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the General Council hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a Secretarial Election on the Amendment to the Constitution proposed below.

Article V, Section 14. General Council Review Requirement. Any codes, ordinances, resolutions, or statutes (collectively referred to as "Legislation") passes pursuant to Section 2(a) must be reviewed for General Council Resolutions. Any Legislation must contain a provision by the Vice-President that expressly states a search of General Council Resolution was performed and that resolution does not conflict. If the Legislation does conflict with a General Council Resolution, then the Legislation must be presented to General Council as provided in Article IV, Section 3 (b). **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President shall direct the Executive Branch to amend any and all policies, procedures and guideline requiring any Legislation must contain a provision that a search was performed and that it does not conflict with General Council Resolutions. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Justice shall direct the Judicial Branch to amend any and all codes or Legislation must contain a provision that a search was performed to ensure compliance with and that the proposed Legislation or code does comply with all General Council Resolutions. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above requested actions for the Executive and Legislative branches of government shall take place within 90 days after this resolution is passed by General Council. Failure to take action within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.



## Eastern homecoming...

# Land of the Wampanoag

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

The Annual Mashpee Pow-wow took place in Mashpee, Massachusetts, Land of the Wampanoag which means "People of the first light" during the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Rather than watch a spectacular display of fireworks, visitors, spectators, and tribal members across Indian country patiently waited for sundown so they could watch the brave men of the Eastern tribes play what is called "Fire Ball". If you enjoy watching football, soccer, or rugby then Fire Ball would be awesome. The ball is actually on fire and has to be thrown bare handed through a goal which is also on fire.

A few years back, Ho-Chunk tribal member Heath Littlejohn was invited to play by another Ho-Chunk tribal member who is also part of the Narragansett origin, David Greendeer. It has been three years since David has been back home to his East Coast family. His route from Wisconsin, through Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, and finally Massachusetts made for a great visit and a much needed vacation for Green-

"The ride to the east coast was smooth," said Greendeer. Finally arriving to the Bourne Bridge to get to the Cape Cod area, the first stop was to the best crab Rangoon and chicken wings ever, and of course the next stop was to Walmart. After a long drive, crab Rangoon, shopping on the East Coast at Walmart, they finally arrived at their host's residence to sit back and relax.

Years ago, Greendeer said, "Our host was one of the individuals responsible for saving my Jaji's life," and the story goes like this:

*My Nani and Jaji had officially gotten divorced, sometime in 84'. My father called his best friend. Cried and told him of his heartbreak, that he was broke and how he didn't want to lose his life, wife and only son. His friend told him that if he wanted to get away, not to worry about money, and that he would have a ticket ready for him at the airport. He loved his wife and hated her for what she had done. How could this have happened? Emotionally, my Jaji was a wreck at the time. He packed his bags with his belongings and hitchhiked to*

*find the strength in himself to live and change his life.*

*When Jaji got to the east coast, he had basically no money, and literally only a small bag and a few belongings. He stayed in Boston for a bit, his buddy mentioned that a pow-wow was coming up and that he wanted to sing. Jaji always wanted to sing. I cannot remember a time when he didn't want to sing. Whether he had one singer or ten, he was always there and always wanted to share the songs and bring joy to people. He lived for that, and they made it to Mashpee.*

*On his first evening there, he was introduced to a large man with a deep voice and soon understood that this man possessed what was perhaps one of the strongest handshakes ever. No, not because of the fifty dollar bill he had in his hand when he welcomed my father to the Mashpee area but rather because of the fact that that handshake and welcoming to a complete stranger by a complete stranger perhaps helped save his life.*

*He lived amongst the people there for years. He shared our songs with the people on the coasts and went to pow-wows and survived. Then my mother died.*

*We (my nani and I) had been living in Rhode Island for a few years. It was in the summer between fourth and fifth grade that she passed. I was staying with Jaji at the trailer for a few weeks and was at the sitter's place when it happened. I remember looking into the sky an hour before Jaji showed up. It was a bright bright day. The sun was shining and suddenly it started to rain. Not a cloud in the sky.*

*Singing practices were good times. The boys would show up. I'd help clear the room in the trailer and set up chairs and we would sing. We practiced, traveled, went to socials, and shared the music everywhere we went. Sometimes after the pow-wows would end for the day (as most grounds had no lights back then), the guys would sing social dances and 49 on grounds around a fire till early in the morning. Not the type of "49" that involved partying, but the type that involved singing and dancing and being together. Jaji formed strong lifelong friendships with those boys.*

*One night in the trailer before practice, Jaji and Darryl had been working on a new song. The tune would be Ho-Chunk but the words would be Wampanoag. The song was written and finalized over the course of the next few days. As it so happened, the red star was out one night. I was standing outside the social (like a mini powwow) and we were just told that one of our singer's mothers was real sick and in the hospital. They didn't know if she would make it. Jaji came outside, I was look-*



Standing next to his wife, Melissa with his Kunu and Henu. After 15 years, David Greendeer danced in men's traditional and coached his son during intertribal dancing.

*ing at Mars. He said "kunu, we're gonna sing that song for her." "Pray".*

*We sang the song for the Wampanoag people that night for the first time ever. An hour later during the social, (in an age before cell phones) someone received a call at their residence from the gaga we were singing for. She was crying and said she could hear us praying for her and singing in her hospital room. She said she knew we were singing for her. Whatever her condition was at that time, I remember the person saying that her doctor thought it was a miracle because she miraculously healed. I think it was faith and the heart and prayers that allowed her to hear that song, and I know God heard us.*

Greendeer was able to pow-wow, visit, laugh, dance, and sing during his visit to the East Coast. Fully enjoying his vacation and everything going good, there was a story told that was very disturbing to Greendeer. He was told "The fishermen are seeing the lobsters migrate north, the water is warming at a rate no one can recall, seals are now in the area and Great White sharks are now in the waters. Scallops are having a rough time and different species of fish and even a manatee have found their way to Cape Cod and the bays."

Greendeer was also told that a tornado ripped through the east recently (another highly unlikely event for that area) and torrential rains and other unnatural changes to the environment are happening. Greendeer made mention that, "In other areas of this world

we are seeing earthquakes, flooding; oil spills, and mass migrations of animals, volcanic activity and unnatural global warming."

Coincidence or not, but the same friend that helped Greendeer's Jaji a number of years back, who many knew as Bouncer, Heyna, or Lyle Greendeer, Jr., was now riding "shotgun" with David and his family to help drive and show his support for the Greendeer family. David said, "We picked up my Dega. He had a stroke years ago and is paralyzed on his left side and went to give our respects to his mother."

Although grand entry was at noon, they still sat up with her beyond Midnight, and listened to her speak about her life. "God works in mysterious ways, and for whatever reason, I was meant to be there," said Greendeer. "I shared stories with her that was I told by Choka and as I left, she said 'you gave me a lot to think about.' I love her, and for this reason I wanted to share with all of you what she said to me:"

*"Let us pray for one another and for our relatives all over. Whatever is happening to our world, as individuals, prayer will help us to help one another, we must believe in God." After 97 years of life she always stuck to that principal, the same principal that my father, my Jaji stuck to as well when he was alive. The people out there saved him; hence, the people saved me. That song saved us, those prayers saved us. (God) Waxopinixuda.*



David Greendeer singing with family members from Wisconsin and his "Dega" from the East.

deer's family, but of course the trip was too short to squeeze everything in.

A ride to the East Coast with little kids and potty breaks, humidity, hours upon hours of driving with crazy drivers passing you at 90 miles per hour in a 7 passenger grand caravan that still smells like sour milk from the previous renters, makes for the ultimate trip and a good story in the future to reminisce.

After a small bout with the rental agency, Greendeer's wife victoriously was awarded a new rental they picked up in DeJope as they headed East. "We switched cars and finally got on the road, minus the smell! The only bad issue with switching cars was that we had to give up the free GPS, but being wonk sheik and a stubborn male, directions and a map were not needed for the duration of the trip," Greendeer said.

*the airport. As fate would have it, my Choka had some sort of intuition, as he always had, and happened to be the individual to pick up my father, and gave him a ride to the airport.*

*Jaji used to speak of this ride all the time. When he got in the car, Choka simply asked him, "Cha Cho, where are you going?" "To the airport", Jaji replied. "Haa". The rest of the ride was quiet.*

*When Jaji arrived at the airport, Choka got out of the car and walked with Jaji into the airport. Choka bought him some lunch and they ate in silence. When they were finished, Choka turned to him, gave him a hug and some pocket change and left. He knew that Jaji was hurt, and he did what only a loving father could do at that time, he supported him and didn't try to stop him. Waxopini xuda would watch over him, the spirits would as well. But Jaji had to decide for himself and*

# HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICE- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 8-9, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid "Nasanehiga" Cleveland at 10:10 a.m.

## ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.  
**OPENING PRAYER:** President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to approve the agenda with the additions of Presentations- item 3. Senator Coggs, New Business- item 2. Traditional Court Van, item 3. Museum, item 4. Branch Office update, item 5. Educational Board of Directors, item 5. Elite Elder concern and item 6. Regional Tribal Operations. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

## APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

**Legislative Meeting~ May 18, 2010**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-2(**Rep. Roberta Decorah & Rep. Hope Smith**). **Motion Carried.**

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance Committee Meeting~ May 19, 2010**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-1(**V.P. Dan Brown**). **Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. arrived at 10:55 a.m.**  
**Rep. Greg Blackdeer arrived at 10:56 a.m.**

## Finance Committee Meeting~ May 20, 2010:

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 6-0-6(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Clarence Pettibone, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., and V.P. Dan Brown**). **Motion Carried.**

**Authorizing the Expenditure of Current Fiscal Year Budgets for Training and Dues up to 90 Days into the Next Fiscal Year Resolution:**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adopt **Resolution 6-8-10A Authorizing the Expenditure of Current Fiscal Year Budgets for Training and Dues up to 90 Days into the Next Fiscal Year.** Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 5-2(**Rep. Robert TwoBears and Rep. Doug Greengrass**)-3(**Rep. Clarence Pettibone, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, and Rep. Hope Smith**). **Motion Carried.**

## Tribal Economic Develop (TED) Bonds

Rep. John Holst requested an update and the Department of Business intentions with their utilization.

**MOTION** by Rep. Holst to Table the Tribal Economic Development (TED) Bonds. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

## PRESENTATIONS:

Victor Moser, Indian Health Services was present to discuss Public Law 93-638 Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act. The tribe currently operates a title one (1) contract. There are three(3) sections that pertain to Indian Health Services: Title II) Contract, Title IV)Compact, Title VI) Ability to Compact for other Health and Human Service functions.

There was a brief recess from 11:26 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

**Rep. Greg Blackdeer arrived at 11:42 a.m.**

**Wisconsin State Senator Spencer Coggs:** Senator Spencer Coggs was present to address the Legislative body with his political campaign to be Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Waksik Wosga Leave Policy Update:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to table Waksik Wosga Leave Policy. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. (**Rep. Greg Blackdeer was out of the room**). **Motion Carried.**  
**Traditional Court Van Request:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass

to approve the Traditional Court Van purchase request in the amount of \$37,353.00, the funds are to be allocated from the Elder Assistance line item. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to process the request for the Traditional Court Van purchase on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. leaves the room at 12:32 p.m.**  
**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. returns at 12:37 p.m.**

## RECESS

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.** *The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting Wilfrid "Nasanehiga" Cleveland called the meeting back to order at 1:52 p.m.

## ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith-(2:09 p.m.)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.

**Cho Wa Re Ja Museum & Archives Inc.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to refer the Cho Wa Re Ja Museum & Archives Inc., to the Legislative Council and Department of Justice to review. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. *The Motion is Withdrawn.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to exercise the option to not terminate the lease for Cho Wa Re Ja Museum. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-1(**Rep. Doug Greengrass**). **Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Hope Smith arrives at 2:09 p.m.**

## Branch Office Update

**MOTION** by Rep. Patrick RedEagle to refer to the Office of President to inquire about possible building purchase locations for the Chicago, Twin Cities or Mpls. St. Paul and Madison Branch Offices. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-1(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Hope Smith**). **Motion Carried.**

## Education Board of Directors

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve Helene Lincoln to the Education Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

## Amendment to Agenda

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to amend the agenda to hear the Education concern. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

The Executive Director of Education, Forrest Funmaker was present to ask the Legislature for consideration regarding a budget modification request. The budget modification would introduce a database for the pre K-12 Program.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to address the issue at the next Legislative Session on June 22, 2010. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-1(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.**) **Motion Carried.**

## Elite Elder Request ~ Mary Natani ~ Request for air conditioner

**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to refer the son of the elite elder to the Child Family Services program for possible assistance. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

## District Concerns:

**District 1:** No requests were submitted.

**District 2:** No requests were submitted.

**District 3:** **Motion** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to refer the request for disabled tribal member Greg Johnson for air conditioning unit to Child & Family Services for possible assistance. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**District 4:** No requests were submitted.

**District 5:** No requests were submitted.

## Conference Approval:

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve three (3) Legislators to attend the Evaluation 2012/Planning 2013 Meeting on June 29-30, 2010 in San Diego, Ca. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-1(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer**)-1(**Rep. Roberta Decorah**) **Motion Carried.**

**Adoption of Resolution 06-08-10B ~ The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency Tribal Management and Development Wolf**

## Management Plan.

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt **Resolution 06-08-10B ~ The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency Tribal Management and Development Wolf Management Plan.** Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**U.S.E.P.A. Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn that the President, Vice-President and any interested Legislator attend the RTOC quarterly meeting on July 28, 2010 at the Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel and Convention Center. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Executive Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Rep. Roberta Decorah is excused at 3:30 p.m.**

**Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to return to Open Session to address the census concern. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-1(**Rep. Greg Littlejohn**)-1. **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting returns to open session at 4:26 p.m.**

**Agenda Amendment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to amend the agenda to hear the Census concern. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 8-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Rep. James Greendeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Robert TwoBears, & Rep. Clarence Pettibone were out of the room.**

**Rep. James Greendeer, Rep. Greg Littlejohn, Rep. Robert TwoBears, & Rep. Clarence Pettibone all return at 4:26 p.m.**

**Census Concern**

**MOTION** by V.P. Dan Brown that the Legislative Council and Department of Justice work together and draft a letter regarding the Census Concern. Second by Rep. John Holst. 12-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Dan Brown. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting goes into executive session at 4:37 p.m. Rep. Greg Blackdeer was out of the room.**

**The meeting recessed at 4:54 p.m., during Executive Session.**

## HO-CHUNK NATION

### LEGISLATURE

## RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 9, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:09 a.m.

## ROLL CALL:

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.

**OPENING PRAYER:** President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

**Executive Session:** The meeting reconvened from Executive Session from the previous day

**Open Session:**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to return to open session. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting returns to open session on June 9, 2010 at 3:56 p.m.**

**Executive Session Ratification:**

**Motion** by Rep. John Holst to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Patrick RedEagle. 5-3(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., & V.P. Daniel Brown**)-1(**Rep. James Greendeer**). **Motion Carried.**

## Amendment to Agenda

**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to amend the agenda to address youth baseball request and Ho-Chunk Language. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Youth Baseball Request**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve \$1,429.92 to cover the cost of lodging for the Ho-Chunk Buildings tournament in Wittenberg, WI, from the youth assistance line item. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 8-0-2(**Rep. Robert TwoBears and Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.**). **Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to adjourn the meeting until June

22, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Executive Offices in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-1(**Rep. James Greendeer**)-0. **Motion Carried.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funmaker, Recording Secretary

## HO-CHUNK NATION

### LEGISLATURE

## SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 29, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:11 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(EX)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Quorum was established at this time.

**OPENING PRAYER:** President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the agenda with the additions of Tribal Secretary Resolution, NAIG update, and addressing the Healing Center after reading of the minutes and addressing the Education Department at 11:30 a.m. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Legislative Meeting ~ June 8-9, 2010**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Legislative Minutes of June 8-9, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-1(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer**)-0. **Motion Carried.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration Committee Meeting~June 10, 2010**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-1(**Rep. Roberta Decorah**). **Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Healing Center ~ Carol Rockman**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to appoint Rep. Roberta Decorah as the project sponsor for the Healing Center authorizing Rep. Roberta Decorah to support and represent the activities of the project. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-1(**Rep. Roberta Decorah**). **Motion Carried.**

**Shift Differential Issue ~ referred from Administration Committee**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer to the Administration Committee the Shift Differential Issue and to have the Department of Business present with the appropriate personnel from Majestic Pines Casino to address this issue. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**NAIG Update ~ Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.**

Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., officially informed the Legislature that the NAIG USA Inc. board has rescinded their bid for hosting the 2011 North American Indigenous Games in Milwaukee, WI. However, NAIG USA will be hosting a 16 multi-sport event in Milwaukee in July of 2011 of ages 19U, 16U and 14U inclusive to all North American Indian Youth called the "USA Indigenous Games."

**NABI Conference Approval**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve Lawrence Walker, Jr., appointed board member of the NAIG Board of Directors to travel July 6-10, 2010 to Phoenix, Arizona to the NABI. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-1(**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.**) **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Resolution 06-29-10A ~ Kunkel & Associates, Inc. 2010-2011.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 06-29-10A ~ Kunkel & Associates, Inc. 2010-2011.** Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-2(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. Roberta Decorah**). **Motion Carried.**

**Adoption of Resolution 06-29-10B ~ Authorization of Electric Transmission Line Easement With American Transmission Company.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 06-29-10B ~ Authorization of Electric Transmission Line Easement With**

**American Transmission Company.** Second by Rep. John Holst. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Education Budget Modifications (4)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to approve the Education Budget Modification which includes: JOM, Education, Higher Education, and Head Start. Second by Rep. John Holst. 9-0-2(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer & Rep. Rep. Roberta Decorah**). **Motion Carried.**

**Propane Vendor Contract**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to table to Propane Vendor Contract until the next Legislative meeting. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Gaming Commissioner Interviews**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to have the Compliance Department and/or Personnel Department send the necessary letter of consideration to all applicants for the positions and give them 2 weeks to respond, then have the Compliance Department complete all appropriate background checks and report back to the Legislature on July 20, 2010. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**District Concerns:**

**District 1: MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve a grant in the amount of \$39,905.74 from the Youth Assistance Fund for Ho-Chunk youth, Thorn WhiteEagle to attend St. John's Northwestern Military School. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Note: Mr. WhiteEagle has contributed \$58,489.54 towards his tuition, thus far.**

**Rep. John Holst leaves the room at 12:13 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer to Office of the President to increase the number of elder parking spots, the same as Ho-Chunk Casino per the District 1 meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried. (Rep. John Holst was out of the room).**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve \$3,000 from the Youth Assistance Fund for Ho-Chunk youth, Margarita Hernandez White, per the District 1 meeting minutes, to be expended on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-1(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer**). **Motion Carried. (Rep. John Holst was out of the room).**

**Rep. John Holst returns at 12:23 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the District 1 meeting motion to allocate \$900.0 per month for the District 1 meeting to be in compliance with the other Districts to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1(**Rep. John Holst**). **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve \$18,295 from the Pow-wow Line item for the Mitchell Red-Cloud, Jr. Fourth of July Pow-wow 2010, to be expedited on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 8-0-3(**Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Rep. John Holst, & Rep. Hope Smith**). **Motion Carried.**

**Agenda Amendment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., to amend the agenda to address District 3 and District 5 concerns. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**District 3: MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve \$45,412.50 for disabled tribal member, Kayla Wilson for the purchase for a van, and authorize her to submit a request to the tribal court for 1/2 of the funds from her trust fund, and to draft a letter of intent to the dealership to indicate the Nation's assistance to purchase the van. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1(**Rep. Greg Littlejohn**).

**District 5: MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to approve the increased amount for the UNITY 2010 conference, bringing the amount to \$30,550.00 to be expedited on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-2(**Rep. Hope Smith & Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit**). **Motion Carried.**

**RECESS**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried. The meeting recessed at 1:11 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 2:22 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Dan Brown(EX)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Doug Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(P)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.(P)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)



Rep. Patrick RedEagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(EX)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum was established at this time.  
**District 2. MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to refer the District 2/Tomah meeting motion that the Legislature look into and research creating of a compensatory plan that converts overtime into leave time to the Administration Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Baraboo meeting motion to bring the funded amount to \$100,000 for the Neesha La Pow Wow to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
Rep. John Holst read for the record to submit three (3) bids for the bleachers and renovations for the Neesha La Pow Wow grounds.  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer to Office of the President to research a permanent location for the Neesha La Pow Wow grounds. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-1(Rep. Greg Blackdeer). **Motion Carried.**  
Rep. John Holst read for the record to have a public forum first week in August regarding the revisions to the Children's trust policy to include private schools per the District 2/Baraboo minutes.  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Madison motion to have the Legislature look into making the funds available to purchase 20 new chairs for the Madison Branch office to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. **Motion rescinded.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2/Madison motion to have the Legislature look into making the funds available to purchase 20 new chairs for the Madison Branch office to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
Rep. Roberta Decorah read for the record to accept Tracy Littlejohn's resignation from the General Council Agency per the District 2/La Crosse meeting minutes.  
**District 3. MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wittenberg motion to have the Ho-Chunk Nation enact an ordinance to protect the use of eagle feathers to the Legislative Counsel's office. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wittenberg meeting motion to eliminate mileage cost for tent rental outside of 70 mile radius to Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wittenberg meeting motion to have mileage for tent rental apply to requests outside of 16 county area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to have Frank Johnson come to Wittenberg Area meeting to give a monthly housing report. Second by Rep. John Holst. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
Rep. Hope Smith read for the record to have Gloria Visintin look into the changing the redistricting/reapportionment provision to include 50% plus 1.  
Rep. Hope Smith read for the record that area Legislators vote against approval of Tax Code.  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the tabling of the BioMass presentation to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. arrives at 2:39 p.m.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve \$1,886.02 (matching funds) from the Youth Assistance line item for Student recognition banquets June 21, 2010. Check will be made out to Kristina Littlewolf, PCN Parent Committee Treasurer. This will be done on an expedited basis, per the District 3/Wittenberg meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Greg Littlejohn). **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to have Michael Murphy review the bylaws for the Constitution Reform Committee that was submitted prior to his employment in the Legislative Office to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to request money for a bus driver for the Nekoosa Charter School

to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to approve a concrete driveway for elite elder Bertha Gleason per the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to bring a copy of the Memorial Day Pow-wow reconciliation to the next area meeting to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to have two (2) tribal members from each area run all Ho-Chunk Nation Pow-wows to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-2(Rep. Greg Blackdeer & Rep. Doug Greengrass)-1(Rep. Roberta Decorah). **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion to investigate the stipend policy and not report stipends as wages, as soon as possible to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 8-0-3(Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Greg Blackdeer & Rep. Roberta Decorah). **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3/Wisconsin Rapids meeting motion that an immediate internal investigation regarding the marketing department key employees: Karen Roy, Diane Kolo, Myra Westphal and Gerold Rhoden to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 9-0-2(Rep. Doug Greengrass & Rep. Greg Blackdeer). **Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Hope Smith to allocate \$78,000.00 from the Youth Assistance line item for playground equipment for Head Starts in Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa and Tomah per the District 3/Indian Heights meeting minutes. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 11-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**Rep. John Holst is excused at 3:00 p.m.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. to approve \$2,217.00 from the General Fund for an air conditioning unit for disabled tribal member, Greg Johnson. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-2(Rep. Clarence Pettibone & Rep. Rep. Greg Blackdeer). **Motion Carried.**  
**District 4: No request were submitted.**  
**District 5: MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to refer the District 5/Chicago meeting motion to get a full report from Education Department on status of Higher Education with Tribal members. Would also like an update on the Josie White Eagle Fellowship program and status of grants and recipient activity to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**Adoption of Resolution 06-29-10C ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Assignment of Duties of Tribal Secretary**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Resolution 06-29-10C ~ Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Assignment of Duties of Tribal Secretary. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-1(Rep. Hope Smith). **Motion Carried.**  
**Agenda Amendment**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to amend the agenda to hear the Sandy Martin-Department of Administration request to Carry Over Funds into FY 2010-11. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**Request to Carry Over Funds ~**

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
**Charlene Spangler, Petitioner, v. Carey A. Link, Respondent.**

**Case : CS 10-24**  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Carey A. Link

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* Id., § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

**SUMMONS**  
(First Publication)  
**IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT**  
**State of WI, on behalf of Lisa Routolo, Petitioner, v. Joseph Cholka, Respondent.**

**Case : CS 10-19**  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Joseph Cholka

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* Id., § 2.6c.

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**Sandy Martin, Department of Administration**

**MOTION** by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the request to carry over funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 to repair the House of Wellness roof. Second by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. leaves the room at 3:09 p.m.**

**Executive Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
(**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. was out of the room.**) **The meeting goes into executive session at 3:11 p.m.**

**Open Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to return to open session. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**The meeting returns to open session at 4:25 p.m.**

**Executive Session Ratification**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adjourn the meeting until July 6, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 10-0-0. **Motion Carried.**  
**The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.**  
Respectfully Submitted by:  
Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funmaker, Recording Secretary

## Pow-Wow

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afternoon until supper break at 5 o'clock. Chief Clayton Winneshiek thanked everyone for coming out and celebrating Mitchell Redcloud Day. Lance Long kept the afternoon running smoothly because without him everything would have been chaotic.

The Mitchell Redcloud Pow-wow was another success and everyone had a great time even when the rain tried to spoil it.



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**GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING**  
July 27-29, 2010

The Ho-Chunk Nation Children and Family Act requires that the Trial Court "appoint" a guardian ad litem to protect the interests of the child in every juvenile case 4 JCC § 1.205.

The Court will hold an on-site GAL training session on July 27-29, 2010, at the Ho-Chunk Nation Black River Falls Wisconsin Indian, Inc. will conduct the training, which is free to Ho-Chunk members and Nation employees.


Current guardians ad litem seeking to serve as a GAL for 2010-11 are required to attend under the JCC Rules for Guardian Ad Litem adopted by the Supreme Court. The rules are available at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com).

Ho-Chunk employees may receive paid educational leave to attend the course. Please contact your immediate supervisor.

A Guardian Ad Litem ("GAL") serves as an independent advocate and informs the Court of a child's interests in child protection actions and guardianship matters.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary currently seeks conscientious, caring and dependable individuals to fill this important role. Guardians ad litem receive compensation for their services and reimbursement for accumulated expenses.

Information regarding service as a GAL is available from the Clerk of Court at (800) 434-4070 or (715) 284-2722.



### Tribal AmeriCorps Program (TAP) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO AMERICORPS MEMBERS

**Host:** Youth Services Collaboration Coalition, Black River Falls, WI  
**Office sites:** Ho-Chunk Education Department, Black River Falls, WI  
**Term of Service:** September 7, 2010 through August 31, 2011  
**Required orientation/training:** September 13-16, 2010  
(Includes meals, lodging, recreation, service gear, and more!)

AmeriCorps, often referred to as a domestic Peace Corps, places individuals who give a year of their life to serve their communities. The Tribal AmeriCorps Program places members with host site coalitions to help "Get Things Done". The ultimate goal of this program is to strengthen the capacity of coalitions and achieve positive outcomes related to the reduction and prevention of substance abuse among youth.

The host site is the Ho-Chunk Education Department, in the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. AmeriCorps members will support out-of-school time activities and other evidence-based approaches to prevent youth substance abuse. The Youth Services Collaboration Committee is a Ho-Chunk Nation tribal wide coalition working with the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal enrolled K-12 students and their communities.

#### Applicants must:

Serve for up to 12 months (1700 hours minimum); Average 32-40 hours per week; Be 21 by September 7th, 2010; Possess a high school diploma or GED/HSED; Agree to a criminal background check and Division of Motor Vehicles check; Valid driver's license preferred and access to reliable vehicle with liability insurance; Be available for an interview scheduled on June 29th; Pass an initial drug test.

#### TAP provides:

Living allowance of approximately \$452 (gross) every 2 weeks during period of service; Free basic medical healthcare insurance; Free service gear; Vacation time; Child care (if eligible); \$5,350 educational award upon completion of service (for loan repayment, future schooling costs, and special education opportunities); Other miscellaneous benefits; Option to serve up to two terms.

If interested in these positions, please email or call one of the contacts below for an application and other documents needed. All application materials need to be returned no later than noon on July 29th, 2010.

Woodrow G. White  
Ho-Chunk Nation - Education Department  
[woodrow.white@ho-chunk.com](mailto:woodrow.white@ho-chunk.com)  
715-284-4915, ext. 1172 or 715-299-1857

Bob Kovar, Prevention Specialist  
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- Phone: (608) 647-6186, Option 3

## Niikuusra Community School

Niikuusra Community School is a collaborative effort between the School District of Nekoosa and the Ho-Chunk Nation. This charter school promotes the language, culture, and history of the Ho-Chunk people. The school serves students in grades 5 - 8. The governance board is seeking candidates for the following two school-year positions:

**Lead Teacher:** The Lead Teacher will facilitate student learning through project based learning. The qualified individual will possess any of the following Wisconsin Teacher License Codes: 118 Grades 1 - 8, 158 Grades 5 - 8, 951 Charter School Teacher, or 952 Alternative Education.

**Cultural Instructor:** The Cultural Instructor will instruct students in the language, culture, and history of the Ho-Chunk people in cooperation with the school's Lead Teacher. Qualified candidates will possess knowledge of the language, culture, and history of the Ho-Chunk people.

Please apply in writing by sending a letter of interest, resume, credentials, and 3 to 5 letters of reference to:

Diana Martinson  
Niikuusra Community School  
600 South Section Street, Nekoosa, WI 54457  
by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9. Questions can be directed to 715-886-8000.  
A complete job description can be found at [nekooschools.org/employment](http://nekooschools.org/employment)

## HO-CHUNK NATION MILWAUKEE AREA RESOURCE DAY

Wednesday, July 21, 2010  
11:00 Am to 6:00 Pm  
At  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
Milwaukee Branch Office  
3501 S. Howell Avenue  
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Ho-Chunk Nation Departments:  
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## HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEMBER'S POSITION

Role: The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director.

Duties: The Board member's shall:

- a) The Board shall not be a policy making body.
- b) The Board shall be involved in the Department's strategic business planning.
- c) The Board shall be consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.

Terms: Directors shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or reappointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/reappointed in the alternate years.

Composition: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of five (5) members.

Board Qualifications:  
1. The Board members that are nominated and appointed need to assure that they have experience and are qualified to take on such a position. This includes enforceability of standards and use of specific criteria. The use of specific criteria for evaluating applicants are as follows:

2. 7 years of business experience in management, ownership, or related responsibility.
3. Have an understanding of business finance, accounting, or related field, familiar with balance sheets, income statements, and proformas.
4. Have experience in Ho-Chunk Nation Business Board and/or business entities in service area of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
5. Accept fiduciary responsibilities of business Board and executing a non-disclosure agreement.
6. 5 years experience in serving on a board of directors for a non-profit entity.
7. Have an education in or relating to business planning, development, finance, legal, marketing, or management.
8. Not a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature or employee of any of the Ho-Chunk Nation Businesses.

If interested in serving on the Department of Business Board of Directors please submit a resume to Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business, W8914 Airport Rd, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615, Ph: 715-284-9186. Fax: 715-284-1636



# 144TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Commemorating the Return of Chief Little Priest and  
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## Winnebago Pow-Wow

**JULY 22-25, 2010  
WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA**



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HOCHUNK APPLIQUE  
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1ST \$400, 2ND \$300, 3RD \$200, 4TH \$100

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Early registration forms can be picked up at Whirling Thunder, or send  
your email address to

[keetysnow@hotmail.com](mailto:keetysnow@hotmail.com),

for a registration form to be email to you, then return fax to 402878-  
2819. Saturday Registration to begin at 6:00 AM

7Mile Runners will be transported at 6:30am to Big Bear Park.

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Contact Info : [winnebagopw2010@hotmail.com](mailto:winnebagopw2010@hotmail.com) or [mj\\_henu@hotmail.com](mailto:mj_henu@hotmail.com)

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# FOCUS on YOUR Well-Being

The Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired invites you to attend this informative and interactive half-day workshop.

Thursday, July 29, 2010 • 8 a.m. to Noon

## PRESENTATION TOPICS (30-minutes each):

- Home Safety
- Falls Prevention
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Our speakers are from the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired, the Sauk County Aging and Disability Resource Center and St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo.

## PANEL DISCUSSION:

We'll also include a panel of three blind or visually impaired individuals who will share their experiences of coping with changing vision and finding resources for living independently and confidently.

During breaks, you will have the opportunity to visit vendors and learn about tools and resources that can enhance your well-being.

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**\$15 per person • Includes continental breakfast**

**Registration Deadline: July 23, 2010**

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Register online at [www.wcblind.org](http://www.wcblind.org)  
or call the Council office at  
**608-255-1166.**

## 11TH ANNUAL BROWN FAMILY REUNION

**Saturday & Sunday, August 14th & 15th, 2010**  
**Blackhawk Park, Desoto, Wisconsin**

Blackhawk Park is located about four miles North of Desoto, Wisconsin on Highway 35 going towards La Crosse on your left or about twenty-four miles South of La Crosse on Highway 35 going towards Desoto on your right.

For more information contact:  
Mike Goze: 1-612-709-5634 • Phyllis Tutor: 1-715-682-8192  
When you read this notice, please notify anyone else who doesn't know about the reunion. Hope to see all that can make it.

## Department of Housing Tent Rental Service

As a service to enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Members, the Department of Housing has tents, tables and chairs available to lease for religious ceremonies and events.

The Department of Housing has revised its Tent and Equipment Rental terms, conditions, and fees.

To Request this Service

**Contact the Department of Housing  
at (608) 374-1225.**

## Community Input Meeting

*Working together for a better tomorrow*

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency along with HCN Veterans Affairs and Social Services, is asking for your input in areas that we service. Join us as we discuss our progress and listen to your concerns and ideas that will help us improve our communities for the upcoming year. Below is a list of the scheduled meetings.

- July 27: House of Wellness 2:00-4:00
- July 27: Indian Heights Community Center 5:00-7:00

Phone: (608) 374-1245  
Toll Free: 800-236-2260

## Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor Board of Director Vacancy

- > Board member will serve a one year term in an advisory capacity.
- > Must have knowledge of employment law.
- > Must have knowledge of training needs for Ho-Chunk Nation members.
- > Knowledge of Federal Program Guidelines, TERO and OSHA Rules preferred.
- > Legal, administrative and cultural knowledge preferred.
- > Be available to attend quarterly board and special meetings.

If interested, submit a resume (with references), copy of valid driver's license, insurance to:  
Crystal Young, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 667  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Submission Deadline: September 3, 2010.

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SEPTEMBER: 2010	30th	1st	8th	15th	22nd	Labor Day
OCTOBER: 2010	29th	6th	13th	20th	27th	
NOVEMBER: 2010	30th	3rd	10th	17th	24th	Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Ho-Chunk Day
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# The city that never sleeps

Submitted by  
Soffia Funmaker, Grade 9  
Black River Falls High School

On June 12, 2010 the band and choir students of Black River Falls High School took an exhausting 17 hour bus ride to New York City! Most of that slipped by though because we drove overnight and watched movies. We went to NYC because the school thought it would enlighten us to how the world functions. We did various events that your average tourist would conquer. We went to Niagara Falls, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, and we saw two Broadway shows. The shows we saw were 'The Phantom of the Opera' and 'Lion King'. These are only some of the things we did. We were in the background of the 'Today Show' and we took a tour of NBC studios. We went to Ellis Island and Central Park.


Only when we got to Times Square though did we feel the magic of the big city. All the people, the sounds, and the lights just made it perfect. It was exactly what you saw in the movies. The hotel that we stayed in was nothing new. It was like paradise though when we got back from long, tiring days and we got to plop onto our comfy beds. I stayed in a room with three other people so we had to share a bed with one other person. On the day we were leaving, I was so grateful because I missed my bed and my feet hurt so badly from walking. New York was an amazing experience for all of us and I was glad that I got to spend it with my Jaji and all my friends. It was the Pre-K to 12 grant program that paid for this amazing trip and I would just like to thank the Education Department, especially so much!



Waverly Bird and Soffia Funmaker on a boat tour at Niagara Falls.



Soffia Funmaker at Times Square.



## PERFORMERS NEEDED

UW-Baraboo/Sauk County University Theatre  
will produce

# White Buffalo

by Don Zolidis, November 18-21, 2010  
at the R.G. Brown Theatre on campus and is calling  
for performers to audition for this exciting project.

The play was inspired by the birth of a white buffalo in Janesville, WI in 1994. Native American music and myths and the individual stories of several people in search of healing and spiritual awakening are woven together in the play to create a rich theatrical, communal experience. Filmmaker, writer and director Sherman Funmaker and UW-BSC theatre professor, Lauren Love will co-direct.

White Buffalo calls for four Native American Chorus members and one 24-year-old Native American male actor. Strong movement skills and the ability to play flute and/or drums is a plus.

Auditions for the following roles will be at the House of Wellness on July 28 and 29 from 1pm to 3pm:

"CHORUS, consisting of four members who play various roles throughout the play. They are referred to as FIRST MAN, FIRST WOMAN, FIRST BOY, and FIRST GIRL. Although the actors playing boy and girl should be younger, they do not need to be children. The Chorus members should be Native Americans, and are responsible for all the music in the play. When singing or playing instruments, they should be visible to the audience unless otherwise noted." We are looking for age ranges from 20+ for the FIRST MAN AND FIRST WOMAN and between 12-20 for the FIRST BOY AND FIRST GIRL. These roles require singing, playing flute and drums, and movement/dance ability.

"JOHN TWO RIVERS, 24, a young Lakota Sioux businessman from Chicago." This character has had a vision of the White Buffalo and develops a relationship with the young white woman who lives on the farm. He is struggling with a difficult past and trying to understand his own path. This is a substantial speaking/acting role in the play.

[Descriptions in quotation marks are taken from the script by Don Zolidis and published in 2004 by Samuel French.]

For more information please contact Sherman Funmaker at (608) 408 9652 e-mail: redragz@yahoo.com or Lauren Love at lauren.love@uwc.edu.

## QUINN CARUS


2010 GRADUATE OF  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Westley Oliver Froeba

On your graduation from  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
I'm very proud of you.  
I know your future will be blessed.  
Love, Your Ama

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Lillian Nyissa White Eagle

Lillian graduated from DeForest High School on June 5, 2010. Her future plans are to attend Madison Technical College for their transfer program and continue to UW-Madison for their Early Education Program.

*Congratulations from her mother, Jennifer White Eagle and her DeGo Winslow White Eagle. She is the granddaughter of the late DeForest White Eagle, Sr. & Ruby Roy and Anna Rae Funmaker.*



## Welcome Home

### Azrael David Chavez

Born May 27, 2010  
4lbs, 9oz./16in.

*Before our son came into this world our family had endured some very trying times. We would like to express our gratitude to all the family and friends for all the heartfelt prayers and kind thoughts. We are most grateful that Heaven has blessed us with a beautiful and healthy baby boy. Welcome Home Azrael!*

*Pinagigi-*  
Thomasa (Patterson) & Gilbert Chavez  
Zhane, Julian, Rene, Roman & Lily



## Youth baseball player helps team advance

The weekend of June 19, Ho-Chunk youth Richard Byhre helped his 9U baseball team from Oconomowoc capture the Wisconsin State Title for their division. With the win, the team qualifies for the World Series to be held July 14-18 in Columbus, IN.

During the weekend, Richard, who pitches and plays left field, also won the U9 Home Run Derby Contest. In addition to receiving a trophy, he won tickets to a Brewer game and had a picture on the scoreboard at Miller Park.

His other interests include playing the piano, a skill that he says helps him relax on and off the field.



# Central Wisconsin BMX racer

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

Nick Smith 19 years old, is the youngest of three boys and is a recent 2010 graduate from Lincoln High School in Wisconsin Rapids. He is the son of Keith Smith and Ho-Chunk tribal member Valerie Smith. For the past 3 1/2 years he has been racing at the Central Wisconsin BMX track located in Wisconsin Rapids.

For some, fast cars, loud music, big rims, the newest game system, or even the most up-to-date cell phone is what makes them happy. For Nick, it's a bike, not only a

bike, but an intense Podium BMX bike.

BMX racing has been around for years but it wasn't until 2008 that it became a medal sport at the Summer Olympics in Beijing. BMX racing is a type of off-road bicycle racing which are sprint races usually on a single-lap race track consisting of a starting gate for up to eight racers, a dirt race course, and sometimes involve many types of jumps, twists, and turns with large banked corners to help riders maintain speed.

The reason Nick got involved with BMX racing was because he stumbled across it on the internet one day and heard someone talk about it. After a few trials on various bikes, he finally came across his current bike. He says, "It's something to do and it's fun." He also stated it's a sport you can advance at your own pace. "Each rider's individual commitment is important to how fast they advance from Novice to Intermediate and so on. You are not held to any particular amount of wins in order to stay involved in the sport."

"Most riders not only practice a lot but they work out regularly to be ready for races." With a lot of hard-work, dedication, and commitment, Nick has already placed in the "Top 3" several times in the short amount of time he has been racing. Like any other sport, BMX racing is a physically active sport. Depending on his schedule,

Nick races about two to three times a week.

In 2009, he placed in the 17-18 year old Novice Division at an ABA Nationals event and took home a 2nd place and two 3rd place trophies. In BMX racing, riders are separated into age groups and then into Novice, Intermediate, Expert, and Pro. In order to advance into the next division, a BMX racer has to earn enough 1st place finishes and work their way through each group where the process starts over.

Travelling as far as Rockford, Illinois for the Mid-west Nationals, he has also competed in Elkhorn, WI which is an indoor track in Southern Wisconsin.

Currently, Campus Cycle from Stevens Point has been Nick's sponsor for the past two years who sponsor about 20 BMX racer's each season. As a sponsored rider, Nick gets some discount on parts needed and a team jersey to wear while racing. As a beginner, starting equipment can range anywhere from \$300 to \$600.

Nick plans to keep racing competitively and is currently trying to find a full or part time job to help fund his sport. He does plan on attending college or possibly joining the military in the near future. Right now, he is just enjoying his summer and is happy to be done with High School and drug and alcohol free.

If you're interested or would like to see more of BMX racing, the Badger State



Nick Smith, #352, maintaining the lead at a State qualifying event in WI Rapids.



(#72) Taking the lead shortly after the start at the Central WI BMX track.

Nationals will be taking place July 23-24, and it will be the first time they will ever have visited the Central Wisconsin BMX track and will feature BMX riders from all over the United States. Fees do vary from race to race, but typically, on a regular race night the fee is under \$10, and FREE for all spectators.

"This type of race has been a long time coming for our area. Recent upgrades to the track over the last year with help from all the BMX racers and families have helped make the track nationally certified," says Keith Smith. He also says, "It would be nice to see more Natives/Ho-Chunk kids get involved."



Trophies won from the National event in Rockford, Illinois.

## Cooking through sustainability and using natural foods

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On June 25, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Rhonda (Goodbear) Funmaker, stood before approximately 35 interested viewers at the Farmers Market in Rome demonstrating a natural way of cooking through sustainability with the focus on using fresh, locally raised foods.

Funmaker was contacted by one of the organizers, Ruth Spiegelhoff, through a program which is funded by the Community grant funds through the Community

Foundation of Greater South Wood County. In the past three years, this program has matured to a weekly event with special demonstrations held in a gazebo, which Funmaker was able to be a part of.

Spiegelhoff has tried contacting Rhonda in the past, but having gone through a few hardships, Funmaker was unable to attend. This year was Funmaker's first year to get back into doing what she loves best, cooking and demonstrating her natural ways taught to her as a child.

Rhonda's love for natural foods began around an open fire as a little girl. She learned how to grow her own fruits and vegetables, and also take care of wild game and fish. To survive, she was always taught to pass on her skills and her lessons learned. As a parent, she made her own baby food and would find ways to incorporate nutritious things but did not deprive her children from sweets such as caramel corn and pizza we all love. She says, "We like to eat our sweets," so she tries to find ways to cook with a sweet kind of twist to it.

Rhonda believes in sustainability, "use everything we can and don't waste things." Although preparation takes more time and a lot of hard work, the outcome is greater and much healthier. Who would ever think to make a drink out of dandelions, freeze apple peelings, or sauté radishes for a dessert. Rhonda demonstrated exactly what could be done by using those techniques.

Throughout her presentation, many positive words were said and a lot of oohs and ahhs to what was being witnessed. For instance, one



(L-R) Organizers for the Rome Farmers Market, Ruth Spiegelhoff and Judy McCormick, Rhonda Funmaker, and Jody Morrow.

audience member said, "it was a beautiful presentation and she makes wonderful things." Many asked about a cookbook but Rhonda says although it's in process, she is not yet close to publishing yet.

Rhonda has been a part of many organizations such as opening for a folk program at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Master Gardener's through Wood County, the Wisconsin Arts Board, the Wisconsin Humanities Coun-

cil and the Wisconsin Historical Society as a cultural scholar.

"The place to be on Friday mornings" where locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, cranberry products, cut flowers, plants, specialty foods, homemade soaps, bakery, seafood, and much more can be purchased at the Rome farmers market from 8am to 1pm through October 1. You just might run into Rhonda and take home some of her natural ways of cooking.



Rhonda demonstrates sustainability through natural foods.